time saving & comfort for passengers and to encourage shift of passengers from various road modes to rail transport system.

Facilities provided to SEC Railway

†1293. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the additional facilities provided in the working field of Southeast Central Railway located in Chhattisgarh, since its constitution till now;

(b) the names of the station where these facilities have been provided and by when;

(c) the facilities which are still proposed to be given; and

(d) the details of the reasons for not giving railway reservation facilities, so far, in district Headquarters devoid of railway services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) There are more than 8000 railway stations on Indian Railways. Provision of additional facilities a railway stations which includes improvement to circulating area, waiting hall, water supply system, platform covering & extension/expansion, renovation, other improvement works, computerization etc. is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year at large number of stations in accordance with the laid down norms based on traffic growth and *inter-se* priorities.

State-wise data is not maintained. There are 297 number of railway stations on Southeast Central Railway out of which 3 have been identified and developed as model stations as per norms. They are Bilaspur, Durg and Raipur.

(d) Out of 5 non-rail head District Headquarters in Chhattisgarh, Computerised Reservation Centres are already functional in 2 locations viz. Janjgir (Janjgir-Champa) and Ambikapur. At 2 locations viz. Kanker and Kawardha, the Computerized Reservation Facilities have been planned to be provided after the State Government provides suitable accommodation free of cost for housing the computer terminals. The Computerized Reservation Facilities at Jashpur has been proposed to be sanctioned in the Annual Plan 2006-07.

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